THE SPANISH LOSSES

There is news from Spam that fort\-nme ships are arr^ed back on the coast, whereof twenty nine are the King's gaileons , fifty of the fleet are missing The *St Peter* :s leaU^ the *St Lucas* ran aground , they had to cast most of their horses and mules overboard The fleet was within two davs* sail of Land's End One of the galleons with Don Pedro de Guevara, General of artillery, in her took fire and hath not since been seen* another ship, wherein were the materials for fortification and for firing our ships in harbour, attempting to aid her, took fire and was blown up, and a French ship with her, full of soldiers There is now nothing but confusion, stones of misfortunes, yet brags of what they will do next spring , yet the defeat of an army so long in preparing hath been very sudden. Their plan was to have landed 8,000 in long-boats westward of Plymouth by peep of day while the ships occupied our forces west of Falmouth till the whole army was landed

The Spanish King hath been very sick, and there are bonfires and processions for his recovery He had a palsy and for two days was fed with liquor blown into his throat by the Infanta

2ist November PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE

Sir Edward Hoby moved the House for privilege for Sir John Tracy, being a member of the House and at that time at the Common Pleas to be put on a jury Whereupon the Sergeant of the House was sent straightway with the Mace to call Sir John to his attendance in the House, and Sir John then returned to his place

22nd November A PETITION OF THE UNIVERSITIES

Because of the speeches ktely uttered by Mr. Davies in the

Lower House of Parliament greatly tending to the utter discredit of the Governors and Heads of Colleges generallv, the Vice-Chancellors both of Cambridge and Oxford have petitioned their Chancellors that Mr. Davies may be compelled to make such proof as he can of those scandalous matters, lest by colour of these scandalous defamations uttered in so public a place some new statute may pass to the general prejudice of both Universities